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For: **BAR-CODE READER**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 1-20 as unpatentable over Connolly et al. in view of Wenner et al. (both previously applied) and newly-cited U.S. Patent Publication 2004/0065741 A1 to Reddersen et al. (hereafter, "Reddersen et al.").

As noted in Applicants' response of July 27, 2005, neither Connolly et al. nor Wenner et al. teaches, mentions or suggests a dedicated reader management storage unit 19 that stores the contents of the read bar code only if the contents of the bar code is management information, as recited in claims 1 and 13 of the present invention.

The Examiner has cited Reddersen et al. for teaching this feature.

Applicants respectfully disagree. Reddersen et al. discloses a multiple-interface selection system for computer peripherals. When the peripheral is a data reading device such as

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